with their representation and her Majesty's Order for disal. U. H. J. lowing the Several Acts of Assembly made in November

1709 for the Reasons in the said Representations Sett forth Upon receipt whereof We need not now to tell you that Proclamations have issued for repealing the afd Laws but must observe to you their Lordships kind Intimation that if any of the sd Laws be of absolute necessity for the good Governm & Welfare of the Province they may be reenacted as in their Lordships' Letter pursuant to her Majestys late Instruction transmitted us is prescribed

And forasmuch as we are truly Sensible Several of those Acts are absolutely necessary for the good Governm' and Welfare of the Province & especially those for regulating the Militia and Limitting Officers Fees We must recommend them to your Consideration to be reenacted not doubting but that the Advantages thereby as well as the Dangers & Incon-

veniencys for want thereof are obvious to us all

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Coun.

And Sent by Col Coursey Col Ennalls Col Greenberry & Col Addison

Who return & say they have delivered their Message.

M^r West and M^r Vanderheyden from the House of Dele- p. 694 gates present M^r Henry Ward a Delegate lately Elected for Cecil County to be Sworn. Which was done at the Board and the said M^r Ward Subscribed the Test and Oath of Abjuration.

The R^t Honble the Earl of Dartmouth's Letter of the 28th of June 1711 with her Majestys additional Instructions to the Commander in chief of this Province for the Time being dated at Kensington the 26th June 1711 in the tenth year of her Majestys Reign & under her Sign manual & privy Seale being read at the Board

Advised and Resolved that the following Message be sent

to the House of Delegates Viz.

By the Honble President & Council in Assembly October the 24th 1711

The honble Presid^t having received her Sacred Majestys royal Commands by way of Instructions to recommend to you the Conforming our Gauge of Tob^o Hhds with those of our neighbours in Virginia and the passing a Law for that Purpose with permission likewise to make an Act to prevent the cropping of Tob^o Hhds with a penalty therein not exceeding what shall be imposed on such who Exceed the Gauge of them